

Public School Building

Chestertown, Md.

publicly owned and used for some county offices

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Public School Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

400 High St.

first

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

Kent

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

County Commissioners of Kent County

Telephone #: 778-4600

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Clerk

Liber #: WHG 32

Folio #: 331

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none known

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 3½ storey brick building was built in 1901 for the public school.

The High St., or southern facade, is 10 bay, with the doorway behind a two segmented arch opening. The entire building is in Flemish bond and has a water table with moulded bricks. Basement windows are also visible.

The first floor windows are flat headed with cantilevered tops. The second floor rounded windows have segmental arches with a keystone at the top of each.

The stair tower at the front main entrance contains two plaques on the second floor level reading Chestertown Public School and 1901. The tower's second level has a Venetian or Palladian window above which a wide multipart cornice crosses. The third level of the tower contains a bullseye window. Missing from the tower top is a cupola which can be seen in the attached copy of an old photo. There are segmental arches on the first and second floor stair tower sides with bullseye windows with keystones.

The large cornice from top to bottom consists of crown moulding, fascia, modillions, dentils, bed moulding, followed by a wider fascia board terminating in a three stepped moulding.

The building is gambrel roofed with two massive gambrel shaped dormers flanking the stair tower. The dormer facades consist of large Palladian windows.

The north or rear facade has the same treatment as the front minus the stair tower. An interesting feature is the original tubular fire escape with entrance below the 3rd floor dormer and 2nd floor center windows.

The same window treatment as on the south facade is repeated on the 1st and 2nd floor of the gable ends with the 3rd floor windows being the same as the 1st floor. The cornice extends over the gable ends perhaps two feet. Its treatment on the gable ends from top to bottom consist of crown moulding, modillions, dentils, and bed moulding.

The roof is presently of composition materials and there are 3 chimneys on the west gable and 2 on the east. All have protruded brick courses half way up and three part caps on the top.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT -

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

F.G. Usilton, History of Kent County

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 roods and 15 perches more or less

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION beginning for the same on the inside of the pavement on High on the line of the boundary between the hereby conveyed lot and the lands now or formerly of Thomas R. Hubbard and running by and with High St. in a **SE** direction to inner side of pavement on NW side of Mill St. at corner of Mill and High, 105'9"; then along the NW side of Mill in the NE direction 278'6" opposite to and at a distance of 4' from a large stone on the NW corner Mill and Calvert Sts.; then with SW side of Calvert in a NW direction 158'6" until it intersects the lands now or

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES
formerly of Thomas R. Hubbard aforesaid and then following the boundary as
STATE now established between the COUNTY hereby conveyed lot and the lands
now or formerly of the said Thomas R. Hubbard to the point of beginning

STATE

COUNTY

High St.

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kathleen B. White

Nov. 1976

ORGANIZATION

Md. Historical Trust/Town of Chestertown

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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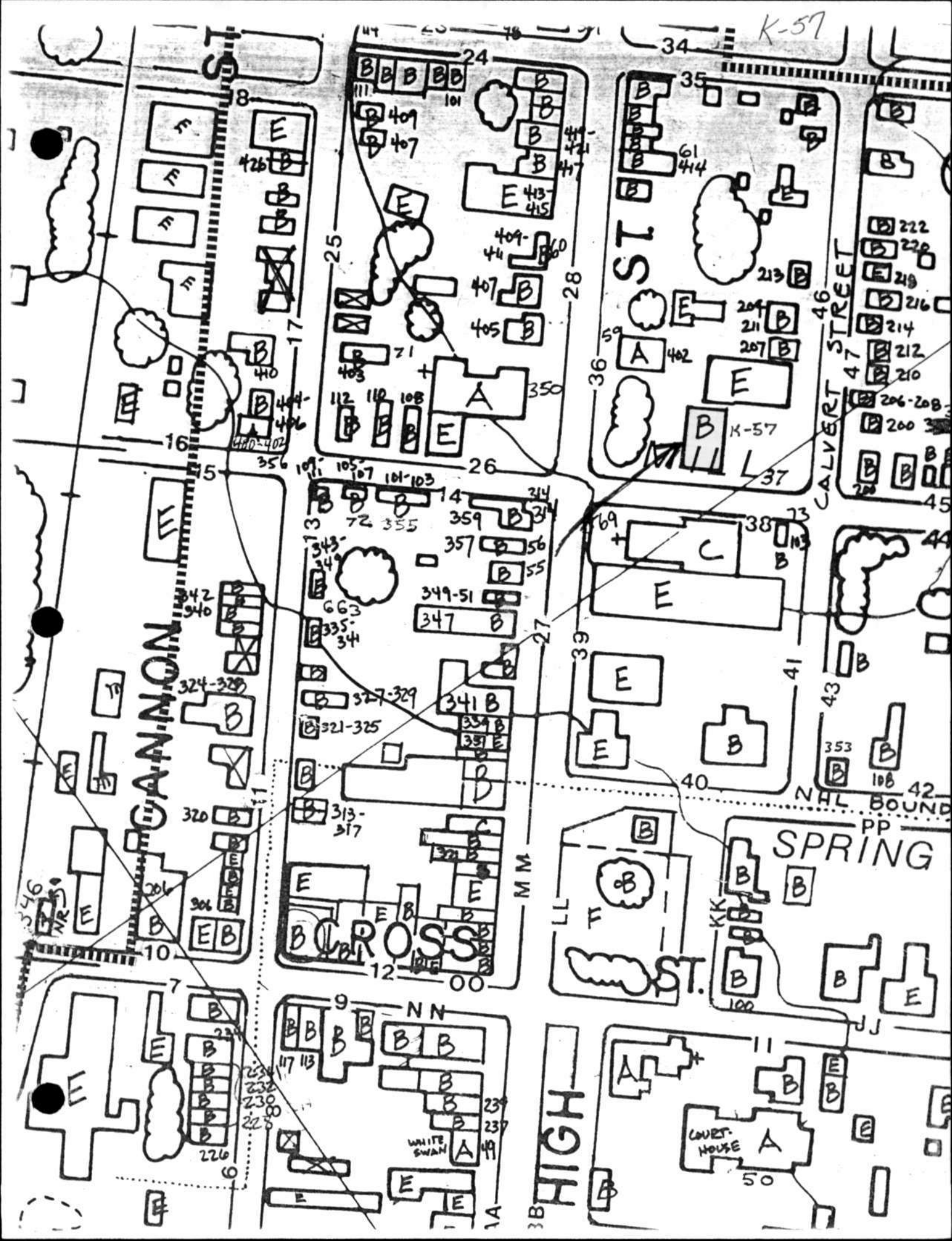
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

WHG 32/331 3/1/54 Board of Education of Kent County to County
Commissioners of Kent County

JTD 3/473 7/19/00 Alice A. Constable and Mary Blanche Constable
to Board of County School Commissioners, of
Kent County, \$5,000, refers to dwelling house
and its improvements.

Will of Amanda M. Hurtt, 11/23/93 to Alice A. Constable for her
lifetime and then to Blanche Constable.

SB 1/92 5/17/80 Mary A. Vickers to Amanda M. Hurtt



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Public School Building
400 High Street
Chestertown
Chestertown Quad.
Kent County





K 58 Public School
400 High

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1/77 S



X 57 Public School
400 High

1/77 S + E



K 52 Public School
400 High

1/77 N



Frontal view: Old Public School. Erected 1901.

Location : N/E corner High & Mill.

Reference sketch map/description: K-66

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